

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Systems and methods, including computer program products, providing
5 high-availability in server systems. In one implementation, a server system is cluster of
two or more autonomous server nodes, each running one or more virtual servers. When a
node fails, its virtual servers are migrated to one or more other nodes. Connectivity
between nodes and clients is based on virtual IP addresses, where each virtual server has
one or more virtual IP addresses. Virtual servers can be assigned failover priorities, and,
10 in failover, higher priority virtual servers can be migrated before lower priority ones.
Load balancing can be provided by distributing virtual servers from a failed node to
multiple different nodes. When a port within a node fails, the node can reassign virtual
IP addresses from the failed port to other ports on the node until no good ports remain
and only then migrate virtual servers to another node or nodes.

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